

1 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Librarian *AM*

SUBJECT: Meeting in LC on Chicom Procurement

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1. On Wednesday, 31 October 1962, at 1000 hours [REDACTED] and the undersigned met with the following personnel of the Library of Congress in the office of the Chief, Order Division:

Mr. Paul L. Berry, Coordinator of the Collections,
Reference Department

Mr. Jennings Wood, Chief, Exchange and Gift Division

Mr. Francis Henshaw, Chief, Order Division

Mr. Edwin Beal, Jr., Chief, China Section,
Orientalia Division

Dr. Kwang Tsing Wu, Chinese Section,
Orientalia Division

2. The meeting had been called at the request of Mr. Wood, in order to discuss a) LC's procurement of Chinese Communist literature, particularly serials, and possible ways of improving same, and b) the status of the monetary grant requested of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) by LC, whereby funds would be provided to LC in order to pay for the photographic reproduction of certain Chicom journals desired by the SSRC for use among academic and private scholars.

3. Mr. Berry chaired the discussion concerning LC's procurement of Chicom publications. He wished to know if LC were getting everything that came into the Branch -- he was informed that one copy, either original and/or photocopy, of all unclassified Chicom serials desired by LC was being provided. Mention was made of the three boxes of microfilm of provincial newspapers, and the twenty boxes of journals currently being readied for shipment to LC. Mr. Berry wondered if we were doing all we could to assist LC, and he was informed that we always strive to improve but that our dealings with Mr. Beal and others in LC during the past several years had developed a close, personal liaison which provides both ends with as much appropriate data as possible. Mr. Berry appeared satisfied.

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4. Mr. Beal did most of the talking on the second matter. It appears that LC has had no word since last July concerning the SSRC search for funds. Prior to that time, SSRC had informed LC that funds would probably be forthcoming from one of the major foundations through the American Council of Learned Societies. Until funds are received by LC, no photocopying work will be undertaken. Mr. Beal was very pleased to learn of the newspapers and journals which are being shipped by us to him -- [REDACTED] suggested to Mr. Beal that he compare his want lists of Chicom serials against these transmittals as soon as possible, and determine how many gaps have been filled. In this fashion, the want lists can be progressively reduced to include that select number for which SSRC funds can be used to provide photo copies. Mr. Beal thought the suggestion was sound and said he would adopt it.

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5. The meeting adjourned at 1125 hours.

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